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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed November 16, 2001, applicants elect the invention of Group VIII, Claims 14-16, drawn to a method of inhibiting activity of a gene by introducing an RNAi agent into a cell. The election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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